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LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MERCURY.]

RICHMOND, SATURDAY, May 9.

Glorious Victory—Jos. Lovell's Song—Stupidity Rewarded—Gen. Lee—Hooker's Reputation and Army—Reinforcements—General Intelligence—Interference of Women—Spy Mania—Rumors, &c.

In this congratulatory letter General Lee ends the history of Saturday's very strong battle by the words: I am thankful my all was Hallowed enough to secure the victory." Such a victory is a thing to be grateful for, and to be thankful and reverent for. Such a victory is a thing to be proud of, and to celebrate. Such a victory is a thing to be glad, and to rejoice. Hence, rejoiced at the victory was to be expected.

Particularly at the ladies, whether of the contraband, or of the Southern Confederacy variety. Hence a dance immediately, and a ball on Monday night, and a dress parade, and a review on the 4th inst., and a grand review on the 5th inst., and a ball on the 6th inst., and a ball on the 7th inst., and a ball on the 8th inst., and a ball on the 9th inst., and a ball on the 10th inst., and a ball on the 11th inst., and a ball on the 12th inst., and a ball on the 13th inst., and a ball on the 14th inst., and a ball on the 15th inst., and a ball on the 16th inst., and a ball on the 17th inst., and a ball on the 18th inst., and a ball on the 19th inst., and a ball on the 20th inst., and a ball on the 21st inst., and a ball on the 22d inst., and a ball on the 23d inst., and a ball on the 24th inst., and a ball on the 25th inst., and a ball on the 26th inst., and a ball on the 27th inst., and a ball on the 28th inst., and a ball on the 29th inst., and a ball on the 30th inst., and a ball on the 31st inst., and a ball on the 1st of June, and a ball on the 2d of June, and a ball on the 3d 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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE FAMILY OF OUR GUARD.—While the Northern journals console their readers for the late disappointment by telling them that another expedition is preparing for the capture of Charleston, there are undoubted signs of activity on those islands in possession of the enemy. Within the last two days and nights a very large and formidable battery has been erected by the enemy on Folly Island to bear upon the southern portion of Morris Island; and, in full view of Fort Sumter, the Yankee sentinel is seen steadily pacing to and fro on his post. An entrenched camp has been made lower down on Folly Island, and unmistakable preparations are evidently progressing. The abandonment of Cole's Island spring before last, and the difficulties of access to our port, enable the foe to proceed. At Seabrook's Island, North Edisto, there are also indications of earnest efforts to make a safe basis. A force of several regiments has been and is now at work, while five iron clad gunboats and a number of transports lie in the stream. Some seventy transports are still waiting in Broad River, and the outposts of the enemy in General WALKER's District have recently been doubled in strength.

In view of these appearances, it becomes us to prepare rigorously to resist another demonstration before the heated term puts an end to active operations. The 16th June, 1862, saw the bold and desperate assault upon Secessionville. We have not yet reached the middle of May. Under all the circumstances, to assume that the enemy will not attack again before fall, would be the most reckless fatality.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. PRESTON PROMOTED.—We learn that this officer, who has been in command of the fine Light Battery of the 1st Regiment of Regulars for over a year, has been commissioned as Major not of the Regiment, and ordered to report to General LEE. While the more active service in the field in Virginia will be agreeable to this brave officer, we are sure that his regiment will regret the severance of their long and close connection with so pleasing and high toned a gentleman. We wish him distinction and a safe return.

THROUGH THE BLOCKADE.—The British steamer *Britannia*, Captain DEFONTAINE, arrived here on Monday morning from Nassau, which place she left on Thursday last. She sailed in company with the steam propeller *Norseman* for this port. On Friday morning, about 180 miles from Nassau, saw a steamer, supposed to be the *Ella and Anna*, bound out. The steamer *Pet*, Captain E. C. DAVIS, had arrived from Wilmington, N. C. Left in port steamers *Antonica*, *Banshee* and *Calypso*. Messrs. PETER ACTON, W. COLLIS, CHAS ENGLAND, GEO CHAMBERS and J. O'CONNOR came as passengers in the *Britannia*.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN JOHN C. LEA.—Capt. JOHN C. LEA, who has been from boyhood in the Charleston Pilotage, died at Dunlop's at Petersburg, Va. on Sunday last. [illegible]

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL JACKSON

RICHMOND, May 12.—The funeral procession of General JACKSON to-day was a grand pageant. The streets along which it passed were thronged with ladies and gentlemen. The procession left the Governor's mansion at 10½ o'clock this morning, and marched in column, with bands of music, down Government street to Main street, up Main street to Second street, thence through Grace street to the Capitol, where the body was placed in the Hall of Congress. The President, the Cabinet, the Governor and other dignitaries, with the civil and military, were in the procession. The military escort consisted of infantry, cavalry and artillery. The body will be removed to-morrow to Lexington County, Va.

FROM THE WEST.

VICKSBURG, May 11.—A coal barge ran past our batteries last night. The enemy's fleet above is anchoring.

JACKSON, May 12.—One thousand of GRANT's cavalry entered and burned Crystal Springs, on the New Orleans railroad, at noon yesterday. OSTERHAUS is reported to be at Cayuga, with one hundred and fifty cavalry and six or seven regiments of infantry. The enemy is reinforcing Willow Springs and Rocky Springs from the river. GRANT will probably advance eastward and not direct to Vicksburg.

We have reports from the river that General PRICE met and chastised the Yankees at St. Francis' River. It was reported in Memphis that the Confederates had occupied Pittsburg, Pa. A despatch, dated Cincinnati, May 9, says that affairs at Dayton have been comparatively quiet. After 10 o'clock yesterday the troops from Cincinnati and Columbus began pouring in. Thirty of the ringleaders had been arrested, and every precaution had been taken to prevent a renewal of the riot.

A St Louis despatch of May 5 says that the most prominent of the secessionists had been arrested. No favors will be shown, but they will be sent south, with their families. A Nashville despatch stated that ex Governor BROWN was among the banished from that city.

JACKSON, May 13.—The enemy is fortifying at Rocky Springs and Willow Springs. [illegible]

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Tribute of Respect.

At a meeting of the Gist Guard, assembled to give expression to their sentiments upon the sudden death of Sergt JOHN W. OARR, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it hath pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our brother soldier, Sergeant JOHN W. OARR, we desire as a body to express our deep sorrow at his providential visitation, and to put on record our heartfelt grief for the loss of one whom we had long since learned to respect in his capacity as a soldier and to love as a man; we desire to testify to the many virtues of his character, and to bear witness to his many sterling qualities as a soldier. Cut off in the bloom of manhood by an insidious disease, we mourn the loss of a companion endeared to us by long association, and by the daily exhibition of the sweet charities of a kindly intercourse that knew no jar. Although it was not his lot to die amid the smoke and din of battle, he died none the less for his country. The sharp steel did not sever the cords of life, nor the sudden bullet sing his requiem, but he fell a prey to the stealthy approaches of disease contracted while at the post of duty. While we pay this last sad tribute to his memory may we profit by his example, and emulate his devotion to duty and to right. With saddened hearts we drop a tear over his new made grave, and lament his untimely end.

> "Art is long and time is fleeting,
> And our hearts, though strong and brave,
> Still like muffled drums are beating
> Funeral marches to the grave."

Resolved, That in the death of Sergeant OARR this Company has sustained the loss of an officer whose place they cannot fill, and of a friend whose memory will dwell evermore with them.

Resolved, That the community has lost one of its most upright and exemplary citizens, and society that noblest work of God, an honest man.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, to whom we tender our most respectful sympathy, and that a copy be sent to the Charleston Mercury and Courier for publication.

JOHN M. LEATHE, Chairman.

A. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.
Battery Wagner, May, 1863.

OBITUARY.

DIED, at George's Station, on the 3d instant, Sergeant JOHN W. OARR, of St. George's Parish, in the 29th year of his age—another martyr to the cause of Southern Independence.

At the first tocsin of war he volunteered as a private in the St. George's Volunteers, but from ill health was prevented from joining them in active service. When Fort Walker fell, and the 16th Regiment were called out, he was honored with the captaincy of the largest company in the regiment, and in service on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad and other points on our coast he manifested those qualities of head and heart which endeared him to his command, and rendered him one of the most popular men of his native Parish. His company were disbanded for reorganization in December, 1861, and although possessed of all that could render retirement attractive and agreeable—a pleasant home, a lovely wife, and an infant son—he cheerfully turned from their endearments and became a member of the Gist Guards (Capt Chichester), where he was appointed First Sergeant, and won for himself the esteem and confidence [illegible] suited to typhoid fever, and after more than twenty days of suffering, ended in death.

J. W. OARR, the good citizen, the kind neighbor, the dutiful son, the affectionate husband, is no more. It is melancholy to reflect that we shall not see him again on earth, but we hope that in the spirit land of the good and virtuous we shall meet one friend, where war and death are unknown forever.

W. M. S.

JOHN WILLIAM OARR, Orderly Sergeant of Gist Guard, died at the residence of his uncle, Dr. John May, on Sunday, May 3d, from typhoid fever, contracted at Battery Wagner, on Morris Island, aged 28 years, 5 months and one day.

The superior moral and social qualities of this young man endeared him to a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances whose loss will long be felt and deplored by his untimely end. To his wife and child, his mother and brothers, and a large number of relatives, time alone can reconcile them to their great and heavy dispensation of Providence.

J. M.

CLAIMS FOR SLAVES
LOST IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR,
COLUMBIA, May 1, 1863.

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS for the preparation and proof of claims, by citizens of this State, for slaves lost while employed on the fortifications and other military works within the State, or whose loss has been occasioned by the said employment, are published for the information of all concerned.

I. The following resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly of this State, at the session held in January, 1863:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is proper and just that the State should compensate the owners of slaves taken by the authority of the State for the public service, who have died from diseases contracted in said service, and whose death or loss has been occasioned by reason of said service.

Resolved, That the several claims now before the Legislature, as well as all others that may hereafter arise, be presented to James Tupper, Esquire, State Auditor, to be audited. Also, that said Auditor be authorized and required to call [illegible] proof, that he may deem necessary to establish said claims, and that he report to the next session of the Legislature each claim allowed, with the evidence on which his judgment is based.

II. All claims now on file in this office, or which may be hereafter submitted for audit under the foregoing resolutions, should be supported by the affidavit of the claimant, which affidavit should set forth as many of the following facts as the said claimant can make oath to according to his knowledge, information, or belief:

1. The name and residence of the owner of the slave.
2. The name, age and qualifications of the slave, and his condition of health at the time of the impressment by the authority of the State.
3. The time when, the agent of the State by whom, and the period for which the impressment was made.
4. The location of the fortifications, or other public works, on which the slave was employed, the duration of said employment, and the name of the officer or other person having the charge of the slave while in the public service.
5. The circumstances of the loss. If by death—the nature of the disease; when and where contracted, by what physician (if any) it was treated, and when and where it terminated. If by escape—when and how the escape was effected, and whether to the enemy or otherwise.

III. The statement of the claimant as to the ownership, impressment, and loss of the slave, should be corroborated by the affidavit of at least one disinterested person. The fact of the impressment should be verified, whenever practicable, by the agent of the State by whom the impressment was made, or by one of the Commissioners of Roads for the District or Parish from which the slave was taken, or by the officer or overseer having charge of the slave while in the public service. The circumstances of the loss should be established in case of death, by the attending physician, if one was employed and his testimony can be obtained, and in case of escape, by the person having charge of the slave at the time of escape, if his evidence can be obtained.

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CIRCULAR AND APPEAL.

FREE MARKET OF CHARLESTON.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLESTON AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA GENERALLY, AND TO THE FARMERS AND PLANTERS ESPECIALLY, FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEABOARD:

The Free Market of Charleston, one of the noblest and most useful charities extant, after more than a twelve month of successful operation, is in danger of suspension and even final stoppage. It is an institution, founded by private patriotism and benevolence, endorsed by the city authorities of Charleston, and recognized and encouraged by the Legislature of the State. Its great and highly useful purpose is to supply provisions, free of expense, to the needy families of soldiers and seamen, fighting the battles of their country, or dead in her service; and upwards of eight hundred families depend on its bounty for their daily bread. It has become a great public necessity, and it is the duty of every christian and patriot, male and female, rich and poor, young and old, to contribute to its support, in proportion to means and ability—the rich man out of his wealth, the poor man out of his poverty, the widow with her mite—every large stream should pour, every little rill trickle its refreshing waters into this great reservoir of patriotic benevolence, to be dispensed in God-blessed bounty to the wives and children, the widows and orphans, the sisters and other female dependents, of our brave soldiery and seamen. The final stoppage, or even the suspension, of this charity would be one of the direst calamities that could befall our City and State—it would inflict distress, suffering and even starvation on numbers now comfortably fed by its bounty, and, perhaps, lead to bread riots, in our conservative city, to her serious injury and deep disgrace. Come, then, fellow citizens, to the rescue, promptly, liberally, efficiently, and not only save the Free Market from destruction or suspension, but sustain it, in healthful vigor, as a God-blessed and man-blessing institution. Let donations in money and in kind pour in lavishly from every quarter of the City and State, and the consequences will be happy indeed. Not only will bread, and meal, and meat be sustainingly furnished to soldiers' and seamen's families, but the heart of the warrior will be cheered and his arm nerved in victorious battle against the Vandal and ruthless foe, by the comforting conviction that his wife and his little ones are patriotically and sufficiently cared for, by their fellow citizens, at home. Let our farmers and planters especially, in every section of the State, send liberal supplies of vegetables and provisions, from their gardens, their fields, their barns and their smoke houses, and swell to overflowing the great reservoir of Free Market charity.

Charity is twice blessed—it blesseth him that gives, as well as him that receives—and blesses the giver even more than the receiver.

Come up, then, one and all to the hallowed work, and not only earn the soldier's and seaman's undying gratitude, but lay up treasure in Heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor thieves break in and steal.

RICHARD YEADON, Chairman,
WM. B. YATES,
JOHN PHILLIPS, } Committee.

N. B.—Country Exchanges are requested to copy the above Circular and Appeal, gratuitously.

April 23

Uncommonly Likely Prime and Young Single Fellows.

BY S. S. K. BENNETT.

On WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at the Mart, in Chalmers street, at 11 o'clock, I will sell to the highest bidders, the following remarkably prime and likely NEGROES, some of whom are first class mechanics, viz.:

ALFRED, 25, A No. 1 bricklayer and plasterer—very intelligent and likely

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YOUNG BLACK HAWK.

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TERMS.—Twenty dollars ($20) the season; Forty dollars ($40) to insure; one dollar ($1) to Groom. Cash on the first of June.

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February 17

I. E. HERTZ,
AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANT
NO. 110 EAST BAY,
(CORNER FRASER'S WHARF)
CHARLESTON, S. C.
January 1 3mo

A. J. BURKE,
BROKER AND AUCTIONEER
AND
General Commission Agent,
No. 60 Broad-street, near Church street,
CHARLESTON, S. C.
WILL GIVE PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE PURCHASE and sale of Real and Personal PROPERTY, STOCKS SECURITIES, &c.
February 20

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M'CORKLE, SON & CO.,
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GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
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No. 116 Main Street, Lynchburg, Virginia.
We will give particular attention to the sale of
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☞ Will make liberal advances on all received produce in hand, and remit promptly for all time and cash sales.
January 3

J. E. DAPRAY,
DENTIST
No. 35 Society-street, South Side,
Between Meeting and King-sts [illegible]ton, S. C.
December 19